FCI godowns in West Bengal

2091. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state the names of the places where the Food Corporation of India (FCI) warehouses in West Bengal are located?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BA THA): A statement showing the locations of the godowns with the Food Corporation of India in West Bengal, as on 1.3.1988, is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 78]

Survey on the mentally retarded persons

@2092. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the number of mentally retarded persons in the country; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) While no such survey for mentally retarded persons was held, a limtied study was carried out to identify children having delayed mental development through information on behavioural pattern of children. According to this limited study, 1.6% children in rural areas and 1.23% in urban areas in age group 5—14 years were having signs of delayed development from mild to profound degree.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1771 transferred from the 11th May, 1988.

FCI Godowns in West Bengal

2093. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a godown for Central Warehousing Corporation in RIC Complex, Bonhooghly, West Bengal;

(b) whether the RIC propose to allot land for the CWC building; and

(c) if so, whether the Central Government propose to consult the West Bengal Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BA THA): (a) and (b) The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) had a proposal to construct a godown in the Rehabilitation Industries Corporation (RIC) Complex, Bonhooghly, West Bengal. The CWC could not undertake the construction so far since suitable land for this purpose was not allotted by RIC to CWC. The reason for non-allotment of land by RIC was that it had been given the land by the West Bengal Government for rehabilitation of various industries only.

(c) The CWC has been asked to send particulars of the land considered suitable for construction of a godown in RIC Complex to enable the Central Government to take up the matter of allotment of land to CWC with the West Bengal Government.

Problems of bone pickers

2094. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of nearly 8 million bone-pickers in the country due to the current export policy relating to crushed bones;